

REMARKS

Independent claims 1, 6, 10, 11, 15, 18 and 21 have been amended. Support for the claim amendments can be found at FIG. 5, for example.

Claims 1-22 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 8, 13, 17 and 19 were "objected to".

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14-16, 18 AND 20-22 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(a) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY APPLICANTS ADMITTED PRIOR ART (HEREINAFTER "AAPA"):

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "generating gate voltage to drive the main switching transistor by connecting the second capacitor between a first node between the first capacitor and the diode and a second node between the first capacitor and one of the source and the drain of the main switching transistor or by disconnecting the second capacitor from the first capacitor in synchronism with the activation and inactivation of the main switching transistor". The AAPA fails to disclose this feature. That is, the AAPA does not disclose connecting the second capacitor C3 between a first node between the first capacitor C2 and the diode D2 and a second node between the first capacitor C2 and one of the source and the drain of the main switching transistor T1 or by disconnecting the second capacitor C3 from the first capacitor C2 in synchronism with the activation and inactivation of the main switching transistor T1.

Instead, in FIG. 3 of the AAPA, the second capacitor C3 is connected between the diode D2 and a node between the main switching transistor T1 and the rectifying transistor T2 (see pages 6-7 of the specification).

Claims 6, 10, 11, 15, 18 and 21 have been amended to recite similar features as those of amended claim 1.

Thus, although the above comments are specifically directed to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding differences of various other rejected claims over the AAPA. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

II. CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore, defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of

allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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